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**Interview Summary and Response to Office Action**

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed 2/26/2007, and submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

This Response:

Amends Claim 8 and adds claims dependent on Claim 8, all as discussed in the telephone interview, beginning on page 2 hereof.

Presents a summary of the telephone interviews conducted on 7/2/07 and 8/20/2007, and remarks related to the Claims, beginning on page 3 hereof.

Submits a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 as requested by the Examiner in the telephone interview. The Declaration was not earlier presented since there was no art rejection of the present claims, and is submitted now in response to the Examiner's request to put on the record some of the information concerning the art as discussed in the phone interview. MPEP 716.01(A)(3).

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This amendment and response is filed within six months of the mailing of the Office Action. Applicant petitions for a three month extension of the time to respond, and encloses a check for the applicable \$510 fee.

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